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Subject:

P.O. Box 6001

Additional Time for Second Draft of the Bingham Canyon Mine Closure Plan as Required Under

Groundwater Permit #350010.

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Bingham Mine closure plan is required under Part 1, section K(3) of the groundwater permit. The division understands that the mine closure plan is closely related to remediation plans associated with the aquifer cleanup in the Southwest Jordan Valley. The SWJV cleanup plans have undergone significant changes in the last several months. These changes have important implications on the mine closure plan and therefore additional time to incorporate them into the revised plan is warranted. Also, several joint Kennecott/Agency meetings have occurred and substantial progress has been made in addressing the comments and concerns of DWQ and other agencies. The Division anticipates receiving the revised draft by February 12, 2001 and appreciates Kennecott's commitment and effort in completing this important task.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Hall at 538-9153. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

Sincerely,

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Don A. Ostler, P.E. Executive Secretary

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cc: SLC Health Department

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